

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA (NORFOLK) URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTHYEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 1940.

Mr.Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1940.

There were 31 live births in 1940 giving a birth rate of 12.71, the figure for England & Wales being 14.6 This is an increase since 1939 when the local rate was 10.3.

Deaths from all causes amounted to 30 giving a standardised death rate of 9.35. This compares very favourably with 14.6 which is the figure for the whole country. 66% of these deaths occurred over the age of 65.

There was only one death of an infant under one year of age and there were no still births.

The maternal mortality was nil and there were no deaths from notifiable infectious disease. There was one case of scarlet fever certified during the year. The Measles and Whooping cough Regulations came into force at the beginning of 1940 and 37 cases of Whooping cough and 12 cases of Measles were notified. There were 4 new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and two deaths from this cause. At the end of the year there were still 21 cases on the register, which is the same number as in 1939.

At the beginning of the year, there were 144 evacuated school children in the district, all from the Gravesend Roman Catholic Orphanage. They were all accommodated in private billets and the staff were given the use of an unoccupied house.

Two buildings, the Park Cinema and the Congregational Church Schoolroom were requisitioned for teaching purposes. On the whole their health was good except for some cases of minor ailments and behaviour difficulties which needed treatment in hostels and sick bays.

Later in the year the whole party moved to another part of England.

In April, Professor Eyre from the Fishmongers' Company made a tour of inspection of the Mussel industry in North Norfolk. He visited Wells surveyed the position and pronounced himself satisfied that every precaution was being taken to ensure that the shellfish despatched from the town were free from pollution and fit for human consumption.

The health of the community in 1940 has been good and appears to have suffered no ill effects from the first whole year of War.

In conclusion I should like to acknowledge the help I continue to receive from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the loyal co-operation of the Staff.

I am,
Your obedient Servant.

(signed) IRENE B.M.GREEN
M.D.,B.S.,D.P.H.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1940.

Area (in acres)	2670.
Mid-year population (from Registrar-General's estimate).	2439.
Number of inhabited houses at end of year.	835.
Rateable value.	£8905.
Sum represented by 1d rate.	£34.10.2.
Comparability factor.	0.76.



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VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	
Legitimate.	29.	14.	15.) Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population. 12.71.
Illegitimate.	2.	1.	1.	
	31.	15.	16.	

Still BIRTHS

Legitimate.	-	-	-) Rate per 1,000 births. 0.
Illegitimate.	-	-	-	

DEATHS	30.	12.	18.) Crude death rate per 1000 estimated resident population. 12.30.
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Standardised death rate
9.35.

(comparability
factor 0.76).

INFANT MORTALITY. i.e. deaths of infants under one year of age.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Legitimate.	1.	1.	-
Illegitimate.	-	-	-
Totals.	1.	1.	-

Infant Mortality rate per 1000 live births 32.26.

TUBERCULOSIS

This table gives the number and type of cases in the area in 1940.

Type of case.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Pulmonary.	12.	5.	17.
Non-pulmonary.	2.	2.	4.
TOTALS.	14.	7.	21.

The causes of death given in this table are supplied by the Registrar-General:-

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females.
All causes... ..	12.	18.
9. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	-	1.
13. Cancer.	3.	3.
15. Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	-	4.
16. Heart disease.	2.	3.
19. Bronchitis.	1.	-.
20. Pneumonia (all forms).	1.	-.
22. Acute and Chronic Nephritis.	1.	-.
31. Congenital Debility, Prematurity, etc.	1.	-.

